



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

January 12, 2018

News: 2015 Data Now Available



Image: The word "Update" written on a note.

The State Health Improvement Process (SHIP) is excited to announce that 2015 data is now available for all of our 39 measures. SHIP aims to connect you to public health data on what it means for Maryland to be healthy.

To access 2015 data, visit the SHIP webpage [here](#). Data relating to emergency department visits is not displayed on the website; this data is available from SHIP [upon request](#).

Reminder: Public Health Associate Program Application Period Open



Image: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) logo.

Thursday, January 18, 2018

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have opened the application period for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). The PHAP is a two-year, competitive, paid training program for early-career, public health professionals. The host site application period is open until January 18, 2018. Prospective host sites must be able to host an associate from October 2018 to October 2020. There are numerous benefits to serving as a PHAP host site, which include:

- Gaining CDC-funded field assignees who bring valuable skills and unlimited potential;

- Forming a unique partnership with the CDC to develop the public health workforce; and,
- Filling workforce gaps caused by budget cuts and staffing shortages.

Learn more about the benefits of the PHAP [here](#). Information on becoming a host site can be found [here](#).

Announcement: New Program Improves Access Emergency Dental Care

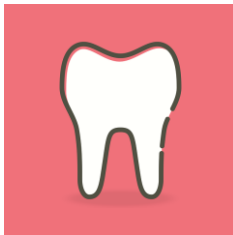


Image: Illustration of a tooth.

The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) has awarded \$7.2 million in grants to expand access to dental services. The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is a recipient of a \$200,000 grant which funds REACH PLUS.

REACH PLUS is an innovative program that helps low-income Anne Arundel county adults who need emergency dental services. The goal of the program is to divert residents requiring dental services from hospital emergency departments to free or low-cost community dental resources. "This program will help reduce avoidable hospitalization utilization and has the potential to be replicated in other areas of the state," said Mark Luckner, Executive Director of CHRC. REACH PLUS is interested in expanding the program and is seeking more dentists who will provide discounted preventive care for eligible county residents.

For more information about REACH PLUS, call 410-222-3090. Learn more about emergency department visit rates for dental care [here](#).

Event: Healthy Eating and Active Living Meeting



Image: A group of adults in active wear.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

In 2015, 65% of adult Marylanders had an unhealthy weight. In the same year, 52.9% of adults participated in at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week. A healthy diet and active lifestyle are essential in the prevention and control of chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease. The Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) action team brings together community organizations and residents of St. Mary's county. HEAL partners coordinate local action around healthy eating, active living, and weight management. All are welcome to attend HEAL monthly meetings.

The next HEAL meeting will be held on January 24, 2018.

For more information, click [here](#). Learn more about the latest SHIP measures [here](#).

Livestream: Lessons from the Opioid Epidemic



Image: Logo for the "Before It's Too Late" initiative. Text reads, "Prevention. Treatment. Recovery. Before it's too late. Need help? Call the hotline. 1-800-422-0009."

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

As federal, state, and local governments grapple with the opioid crisis, they have encountered both promising strategies and unexpected challenges. Boston University will host a seminar titled, "Opioids and the Masses: Early Lessons from the Epidemic." This seminar will focus on the policy and treatment implications of the epidemic within the context of social and cultural drivers of addiction. Proposed topics include:

- Engaging patient in treatment;
- Strategies for Naloxone administration;
- Provision of quality care; and,
- Rational use of opioid painkillers.

For more information about this seminar, click [here](#). Find resources on statewide efforts to bring awareness to the opioid crisis in Maryland [here](#).

Event: Annual Community Bond Meeting



Image: Photograph of a physician's coat and stethoscope.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

The Office of Capital Planning, Budget and Engineering Services (OCPBES) will host the annual Community Bond Meeting on January 31, 2018 from 1-3pm at the Maryland Department of Transportation.

This meeting is an overview of OCPBES's Administration-sponsored Capital Program. The Capital Program has been in existence since the 1970s providing over \$200

million in capital grants. The capital grants assist in the acquisition, design, construction, renovation, and equipping of facilities. The Primary Care Office (PCO), in the Office of Population Health Improvement, plays a critical role in this program. The PCO improves access to health care for Maryland in underserved areas. This is accomplished by:

- Setting funding priorities for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs);
- Reviewing, recommending, and ranking applications from FQHCs; and,
- Providing a summary of FQHCs in Maryland.

More information about OCPBES Capital Programs can be found [here](#). Learn more about PCO programs [here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Telehealth Project - TeleMAT for Opioid Use Disorders



Image: Illustration of a person looking at a health chart on a tablet.

Monday, February 19, 2018

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) will be accepting grant applications on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorders Supported by Mobile Devices (TeleMAT). The MHCC will fund a single application to implement and test a telehealth project over an 18-month period. The project will expand MAT in underserved areas of Maryland for residents that have an opioid dependence.

Letters of Intent are appreciated by January 22, 2018. Grant applications are due to MHCC by February 19, 2018.

For more information about this opportunity, click [here](#).

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